Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Milford Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Milford, NE, located at 402 1st St. PO Box 13 Milford, NE 68405. The funding would be used for to make improvement to the city's water treatment facility to address high iron and manganese levels. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the water quality in the City of Milford is becoming a public health issue. The water study conducted by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. in 2021 determined the water quality in multiple wells exceed the MCL and SMCL set by the EPA. When these values are exceeded, iron, manganese, and nitrates may begin to cause problems in the drinking water and distribution system.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Flood Member of Congress